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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am e-mailing to you today to express my support of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. After three long years, the settlement is long overdue. As a corporation, Microsoft made concessions above and beyond what was necessary. Although litigation was unnecessary in the first place, it is best to let the issue rest with this settlement.

Again, the settlement sets terms that are beyond the scope of the original litigation. The disclosure of internal interfaces is an example of the generous nature of this settlement on behalf of Microsoft. Under this provision, Microsoft is documenting all of the internal interfaces on the Windows' operating system products. These documents are being forwarded to competitors of Microsoft for their review. This is unprecedented in any type of antitrust legislation. Further, it is proof of Microsoft's desire to settle the issue. This haste is imperative.

Letting the settlement stand will enable Microsoft, the technology industry, and our economy to recover. In this time of economic unrest, this should be the focus of our government's efforts. I trust that no more action against Microsoft should be taken at the federal level.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum

